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1. EMBASSY HAS BEEN INFORMED BY KOREAN MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND SOQIAL AFFAIRS THAT THE MINISTRY HAS INSTITUTED A QUOTA SYSTEM FOR THE FOUR AUTHORIZED ADOPTION AGENCIES WITH REGARD TO ADOPTION OF KOREAN CHILDREN BY FOREIGN PARENTS. A TOTAL OF 4,000SUCH ADOPTIONS IS BEING ALLOWED FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 1978, AND APPORTIONMENTS OF THE TOTAL HAVE BEEN MADE TO FOUR AGENCIES BASED ON THE RESPECTIVE PERCENTAGES OF SUCH ADOPTES HANDLED BY THE INDIVIDUAL AGENCIES IN 1977 AND ON THE NUMBER OF CHILDREN PLACED WITH KOREAN ADOPTIVE PARENTS IN 1977. THE QUOTAS ASSIGNED TO THE FOUR AGENCIES FOR 1978 ARE AS FOLLOWS:

HOLT CHILDREN SERVICES	1,800
KOREA SOCIAL SERVICE	600
KOREA SOCIAL WELFARE SOCIETY	600
EASTERN CHILD WELFARE SOCIETY	600
APPORTIONMENT DEFERRED	400

2. THE UNASSIGNED QUOTA OF 400 IS TO BE DISTRIBUTED AMONG THE FOUR AGENCIES, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THEIR RELATIVE PERFORMANCES IN PLACING CHILDREN FOR ADOPTION WITH KOREAN
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PARENTS DURING 1978.

3. THERE ARE FOUR CATEGORIES OF CHILDREN WHO WILL NOT BE SUBJECT TO QUOTA LIMITATIONS. THEY ARE:

A. CHILDREN OF MIXED BLOOD.

B. CHILDREN ADOPTED BY A FOREIGN PARENT OR PARENTS
WHO COMES (COME) TO KOREA TO COMPLETE THE ADOPTION
PRECEDURE HERE.

C. CHILDREN WHO REQUIRE HOSPITAL TREATMENT FOR MORE THAN
ONE MONTH.

D. CHILDREN ADOPTED BY U.S. SERVICEMEN OR BY RELIGIOUS
MISSIONARIES IN KOREA.
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